

## **National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP)**

## **Important National Research on Adult Day Services**

LeadingAge strongly endorses the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP) being conducted by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), and we encourage all adult day service providers to complete the survey. The national data collection will start in September 2012. This survey includes questions about services, staffing, and practices; participants' physical and cognitive functioning; and sources of payment.

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The National Study of Long-Term Care Providers is the first ever federally funded national study of the major providers of long-term care that includes adult day services providers. The data from this study will be an important resource for researchers and policymakers to use to learn more about adult day services. At this time, there is not enough research on adult day services, and the lack of research has been a barrier for advancing the use of adult day services in our long-term services and supports delivery system. The results of this survey will also help seniors, persons with disabilities, and caregivers learn more about the important services offered in adult day programs.

All individual data from the survey will be kept confidential and the names of the ADS centers, staff, participants, and respondents will not be identifiable.

LeadingAge appreciates your participation in this important national research program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 508-9406 or e-mail me at pnotarstefano@LeadingAge.org

Sincerely,

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